

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING
LOK SABHA**

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AIR/FM COMMUNITY RADIO STATIONS
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Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government propose to give permission for setting up AIR/FM community radio services in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; (
- (c) the time by which community radio stations are likely to be started in these states?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SMT. SUSHMA SWARAJ)

(a) & (b): At present five Community Radio Stations of AIR are functioning in the country. These are Nongstoin and Williamnagar in Meghalaya, Saiha in Mizoram, Mon and Tuensang in Nagaland.

(c) & (d) : Prasar Bharati has informed that no request from State Governments have been received for setting up of Community Radio Station..